

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

DECATUR STREET BRIDGE

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Location: Spanning Dry Creek at ~~Decatur Street~~, Chico
Wise County, Texas.
UTM: 14/612312/3684335.
USGS Quad: Chico, Tex.
(1961, photorevised 1978).

Date of Construction: Unknown.

Fabricator: Unknown.

Present Owner: City of Chico.

Present Use: Highway bridge.

Significance: The Decatur Street Bridge is one of very few masonry highway bridges in active use in Texas. The builders accommodated the geometry of a dramatic skew by extending the voussoirs beyond the spandrels, thereby creating an unusual sawtooth effect. The bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2001.

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